

Welcome to the Legislative Update for February 7, 2014

This e-mail is provided as a courtesy of the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. The purpose of this service is to keep Arizona's older citizens and advocates of aging services informed about bills and actions taking place at the Arizona State Legislature and to highlight Congressional bills or happenings affecting older Americans. The information is intended to help you shape your own opinion about an issue and give you the necessary resources and contacts so that you can ensure your perspective and voice are heard. The **Legislative Update** is non-partisan in nature. Thank you for your interest!

The 51st Legislature, 2nd Regular Session

Busy week

Since last Friday, 510 floor actions filed.

Four bills were passed and signed by the Governor.

SB1159: supplemental appropriation; legislators; subpoenas; representation

SB1219: supplemental appropriation; navigable stream commission

SB1220: independent redistricting commission; supplemental appropriation

SB1224: supplemental appropriations; child safety positions

Bill information can be viewed at: <http://www.azleg.gov/Bills.asp>.

Legislative Deadlines

A copy of the Legislative Council's session deadlines can be found [here](#).

The Senate Session Timeline is posted [here](#).

Summary of Action

At the end of **day 26, 1,098 bills posted; 4 passed; 4 signed by the Governor; 91 memorials or resolutions posted and 5 passed.**

Some of the bills may be of interest to older Arizonans and will be tracked by the Council and appear on the Legislative Update web report page. **Please be advised that the presence of a bill on the tracking list *does not* represent support or opposition by the Council to the bill. It *does* mean that the bill topic is something that is likely to be of interest to or have an impact on older Arizonans so the Council is tracking the bill's progress.**

FULL LIST:

<http://www.azcapitolreports.com/webreport.cfm?webreport=25263&listid=50228&print=true>

Note: The FULL LIST web report above provides you with the current status and upcoming hearing information about the bills being tracked by the Council and is available and updated on an ongoing basis 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

This list will continue to be edited and/or expanded as we have an opportunity to get through all the bills. We will continue to edit the list throughout the session. Information about bill status, hearings, etc. is a purchased service provided by **Arizona Capitol Times**.

Highlighted Bills

HB2286: senior facilities; bond approval

HB2286 authorizes reviewing entities to collaborate in the review process of a senior facilities project.

FACTSHEET: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/h.hb2286_01-31-14_fi.pdf

Proposed Amendment is provided [here](#)

Hearing: 2/10 House Financial Institutions Committee at 2 pm, House Room 5

HB H2306: fingerprint clearance cards; periodic checks

HB 2306 allows the Fingerprinting Division within the Arizona Department of Public Safety to conduct periodic federal background checks for fingerprint clearance card holders.

2/6 stricken from the House consent calendar by the sponsor.

FACTSHEET: http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/h.hb2306_01-29-14_caucuscow.pdf

S1097: silver alert notification system

The Department of Public Safety is required to establish the silver alert notification system as a quick response system designed to issue and coordinate alerts following the report of a missing person who is 65 year of age or older under specified conditions.

Senate Engrossed Version:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/bills/sb1097s.pdf>

FACTSHEET:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/s.1097qe.pdf>

S1135: qualified immunity; nonprofit clinics

Stipulates a health professional who provides medical, optometric or dental treatment, care or screening within the professional's scope of practice at a nonprofit clinic is not liable in a medical malpractice action, unless the professional was grossly negligent.

2/6 from Senate Health& Human Services do pass

FACTSHEET:

<http://www.azleg.gov/legtext/51leg/2r/summary/s.1135hhs.pdf>

Hearing: 2/10 Senate Rules at 1 pm, Senate Caucus Rm.

Fiscal News

From the **Joint Legislative Budget Committee**

FY 2015 JLBC [Baseline Summary 1.29.2014](#)

Fiscal Notes from the 2014 Legislative Session is linked [here](#).

Website Resources

A list of the Representatives and Senators, Standing Committees and their members can be found on the Arizona State Legislature website at the following links.

[Members](#) of the House

[Members](#) of the Senate

[Standing Committees](#) page (Click on the committees to view the members as well as any posted meeting agendas or minutes for that committee.)

If you want to learn more about the legislative process, see [Arizona Bill](#) or **Bill to Law** provided [here](#).

Interested in the budget process? You can learn more at:
<http://www.azleg.gov/jlbc/budgetprocess.htm>.

Need to review the Arizona Constitution? Go to:
<http://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>.

To review the Interim Committee meetings prior to the opening to the session and those continuing, go to:

<http://www.azleg.gov/InterimCommittees.asp>.

You can view scheduled capitol events [here](#).

Share your thoughts! If you have a particular perspective to share with the Governor or your Legislators, you may voice your thoughts *at any time* by contacting the:

- **Governor's Office of Constituent Services** at 602-542-4331 or toll-free at 1-800-253-0883 (outside Maricopa County only)
- Or **contacting your legislator from your area**. You can locate your legislator by going to the **Arizona State Legislature [website](#)** and looking for: ***How do I find My Legislators*** or by following the instructions provided at both the **Senate** and **House Member links** at the website.

Not sure about your congressional or legislative district? Maps can be found [here](#).

FEDERAL OVERVIEW:

S.1950

Comprehensive Veterans Health and Benefits and Military Retirement Pay Restoration Act of 2014

To improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans, and for other purposes.

Introduced on 1/16/2014 by Senator Bernard Sanders (VT)

H.R.3955

To direct the Secretary of Labor to establish a pilot program through the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide older individuals with training in computer literacy, advanced computer operations, and resume writing

Introduced on 1/28/2014 by Representative Robin Kelly (IL-2)

JOB SKILLS TRAINING FOR OLDER INDIVIDUALS

Targeted Pilot Program

The Secretary of Labor shall establish a pilot program pursuant to section 171 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2916) to provide grants to entities eligible under such section to provide job skills training to and specific for older individuals, particularly in the areas of computer literacy, advanced computer operations, and resume writing.

Definition

For purposes of the program established under subsection (a), the term ``older individual" has the meaning given that term in section 101 of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (29 U.S.C. 2801).

01/28/2014, the bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.

H.R. 3999

Family and Medical Leave Enhancement act of 2014

Introduced on 2/5/2014 by Representative Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12)

To amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and title 5, United States Code, to allow employees to take, as additional leave, parental involvement leave to participate in or attend their children's and grandchildren's educational and extracurricular activities, and to clarify that leave may be taken for routine family medical needs and to assist elderly relatives, and for other purposes.

02/05/2014, the bill was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, and House Administration.

If you want to check on the status of any of these bills, go to <http://beta.congress.gov/> and enter the bill number or title.

See **active federal legislation** at this [link](#):

Share your opinions with members of Congress!

If you are interested in sharing your thoughts or concerns, find out how to contact your congressional representatives by visiting: <http://www.house.gov/> for the **House** or <http://www.senate.gov/> for the **Senate**.

Links to the membership lists are provided below.

[House](#) members

[Senate](#) members

You can contact the **White House** at this [link](#).

ALSO: A compilation of contact information is provided at:

<http://www.usa.gov/Contact/Elected.shtml>.

NEWS & RESOURCES

From the **National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities - NASUAD** *Friday Updates, February 7, 2014*

Education and Workforce Committee to Examine Older Americans Act

On Tuesday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m., the Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training, chaired by Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-NC), will hold a hearing entitled, "Serving Seniors Through the *Older Americans Act*." The hearing will provide members an opportunity to examine the programs and services provided under OAA and discuss priorities for reauthorization.

The following people will be presenting testimony:

Ms. Carol V. O'Shaughnessy
Principal Policy Analyst
National Health Policy Forum

Ms. Lynn Kellogg
Chief Executive Officer
Region IV Area Agency on Aging

Dr. Yanira Cruz
President and CEO
National Hispanic Council on Aging

Ms. Denise Niese
Executive Director
Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc.

To read more information about the hearing, [click here](#).

To view a live webcast of the hearing on February 11th, [click here](#).

From the **National Institute on Aging**

2012-2013 Alzheimer's Disease Progress Report is linked [here](#).

National Plan to Address Alzheimer's Disease updated information can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/napa/>.

From **U.S. Department of Health & Human Services HHS**

2014 Poverty Guidelines is posted at:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/14poverty.cfm>

From **Social Security**

[Extra Help With Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Costs](#)

From **Kaiser Health News**

[Hill Plan Would Reward Medicare Doctors For Quality](#)

[The Rise of Medical Identity Theft In Healthcare](#)

From **PHI**

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[Home Care Aides At A Glance](#)

University of Arizona College of Medicine Phoenix Mini Medical School Community Lecture Series is outlined [here](#).

INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

WHAT: 23rd Annual Alzheimer's Education Conference

WHEN: Friday, February 28, 2014, East Valley Institute of Technology,
1601 W Main Street, Mesa, AZ

More information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: MEETING OF THE MINDS; Mayor's Alzheimer's Education Conference

WHEN: Wednesday, March 12, 2014, Tucson Jewish Community Center, 3800 East River Road, Tucson AZ 85718

Information is provided [here](#).

WHAT: 2014 AzTA/ADOT Annual Spring Conference & Bus Rodeo

WHEN: April 13 – 15, 2014, University Park Marriott, Tucson, Arizona

Information and registration provided [here](#).

Grant Opportunity posted on GRANTS.GOV

[Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas](#)

Just in case you're interested

Past issues of the **Legislative Updates** are linked on the Council website at: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/gaca/LegUpdates.asp>.

If you think a bill should be tracked, be sure to share your input with us. If you would like to submit an **educational** or **public service event** for consideration, be sure to send an email with the description to: gaca@az.gov. Please note: we try to include events of interest to older Arizonans and aging service advocates.

Thank you! Enjoy your weekend.

~Governor's Advisory Council on Aging

